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SUBJECT: MANILA PRESS FORECASTS DEMISE OF SEATO

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1. ITEMS IN MANILA PRESS OF SEPTEMBER 9 CELEBRATING 21ST BIRTHDAY OF SEATO PREDICT ITS EARLY DEMISE AND IMPLY (PROBABLY MISLEADINGLY) THAT RTG AND GOP ARE IN AGREEMENT REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF RAPID PHASEOUT. STORY IN "BULLETIN TODAY" STATES THAT "PHILIPPINES AND THAILAND HAVE CONFERRED AND AGREED THAT SEATO'S ORIGINAL ROLE TO CONTAIN CHINA AND STOP THE ADVANCE OF COMMUNISM IN THE REGION IS NO LONGER VALID." LATER PARAGRAPH OF STORY NOTES THAT ON RECENT VISIT KUKRIT AGREED WITH MARCOS THAT MANILA PACT WOULD REMAIN WHILE SEATO PHASED OUT IN
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2. EDITORIAL IN ANTI-US "ORIENT NEWS" ENTITLED, "TAPS FOR SEATO", SHEDS CROCODILE TEAR OR TWO AND URGES "WELL DONE" AS SEATO FLAG COMES DOWN.

3. AT ANNUAL SEATO-SPONSORED MODEL VILLAGE AWARDS CEREMONY HELD SEPTEMBER 9, OFFICIALS OF DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "MODEL VILLAGE" PROJECT WOULD CONTINUE EVEN THOUGH SEATO LIKELY TO BE DEFUNCT BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR.

COMMENT: WHILE PRESS CONTINUING TO SOFTEN UP PUBLIC FOR SEATO PHASEOUT, COVERAGE DOES NOT REFLECT LATEST ROMULO VIEWS (AS EXPRESSED TO US BY VERCELLES) THAT CO-TERMINATION OF SEATO ORGANIZATION AND MANILA PACT DESIRABLE (REFTEL).
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